(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Proposal from Orissa for N.C.L.P.

2482. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government has sent project proposals for launching National Child Labour Projects is 5 districts of Orissa *i.e.* Khurda, Puri, Nayagarh, Bhadrak and Jajpur to the Centre, which is pending with the Centre; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal, and the time-frame within which the above proposal would be sanctioned for launching of the child labour projects?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Orissa had submitted proposals for launching National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in Khurda, Puri, Nayagarh, Bhadrak and Jajpur districts to this Ministry. The districts under the NCLP Scheme are identified on the basis of the endemicity of child labour. Based on the Census figures, these districts could not be taken up for implementation of the NCLP Scheme. However, there are already 18 districts of the State where National Child Labour Project Scheme is in operation.

Denial of basic labour Rights to call centre employees

2483. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports are emerging on the in human working conditions in BPO/Call Centres and of denial of basic labour rights of employees working in IT sector;

(b) whether NASSCOM has refuted such charges and wanted protection for the IT industry from labour act-related regulations; and

(c) whether under pressure from apex trade union organizations, Government proposes to bring the IT sector under the ambit of ID Act?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (c) BPOs/Call Centres and covered under existing labour laws. The State Governments are the "appropriate Government" under various labour laws and legally vested with powers to deal with the violation of labour laws in BPO Sector/Call Centres. The IT Sector is covered under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Hospital in Santhanagar, Hyderabad

2484. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director of Insurance Medical Services of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has sent the proposal alongwith the Survey Report of UPRNN Ltd., for construction of a Super Speciality Hospital alongwith an annexe for the attendances, in the premises of ESI Hospital, Santhanagar *Vide* letter No. 38/IMS-2/2005-I, dated 31st January, 2005;

(b) whether he agreed to construct this Super Speciality Hospital during the course of discussion with him by the A.P. Government on 20.01.2005;

(c) if so, whether Government would implement the agreement at the earliest, to enable the workers of Hyderabad to have Super Speciality Hospital facilities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The ESI Corporation in its meeting held on 07.07.2005 has decided to set up super speciality hospitals on Zonal basis including a new hospital run by the ESI Corporation at Hyderabad (South Zone). A tentative allocation of Rs. 50 crore has already made for the same. A General Purpose Medical Care Sub-Committee of ESI Corporation will also visit Hyderabad to review the infrastructure and other facilities available at the recommended place and measures required for operating the hospital.